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Brendan Green Top Gun in Canadian Men's Team Victory at British Championships

Ruhpolding, GER (February 3-4, 2007) - The British National and Army Championships is an annual competition, which for the past 10 years has been held in Ruhpolding, Germany, one of Europe's most renowned Biathlon centers -sometimes referred to as the "Wimbleton of Biathlon". Most of the athletes involved are connected with the British military service and the Canadian team had a special invitation to participate. In his first race since his medal performance at the World Championships, Brendan was the only Junior biathlete promoted to compete with the Canadian Men's B Team in the 10 km Sprint Race on Saturday, and the 4 x 7.5 km Relay event on Sunday. He held his own with the more mature and seasoned men's team and placed second overall in the Sprint and helped the Canadian Team to a first place team finish both days.

In the Sprint, Brendan battled freezing rain and icy trails on a thin layer of man-made snow to earn top gun status for the team by staying error free and cleaning all 10 targets for a perfect shoot in the range. This is a milestone for Brendan, as it marks the first major international event this year that he has managed to shoot clean, apart from the relay in which competitors are allowed to use extra rounds. The ability to do this on a regular basis is what it will take to elevate him to the pinnacle of his sport. Only one other athlete among the 170 entries managed to match his shooting.

In Sunday's Relay race, he had another strong performance in the range, using only one extra shot to clean all targets. Good shooting always helps to energize the skiing, and he put in one of the fastest legs to help bring another victory for the Canadian team.

On Monday, the Junior Team will travel Obertilliach, Austria, to spend a week or so training for the final event of their European Tour: the European Cup # 6 in Nove Mesto, Czechoslovakia. They also hope to have the opportunity to observe and cheer on the Canadian Men's and Women's teams later this week as they take on the best in the world at the World Championships in Antholz-Anterselva, Italy.

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